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Clerk's Office
Docket Number 2013-275-WS
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Clerk:

I am writing to ask you to reconsider Docket No. 2013-275-WS. The proposed increase is not warranted. Lake Wylie already pays a lot more for its water service compared to surrounding areas. The service LW receives from Carolina Water (CW) is very poor. In the news, CW has been accused of failing to maintain the infrastructure in Tega Cay. The past few reports show sewage going into Lake Wylie, Tega Cay was under a boil water alert, sewage backed up into residential properties. I can't support an increase of 25% for CW to add to my monthly bill. They have performed so badly over the years. A few years back they asked for an 80% increase that was way off.

Generally if an increase is needed, a 5-10% increase is more acceptable. I ask why is CW asking for a much high increase then most utility companies. I think Duke Energy just asked for 5% or 7% increase!

I think it's important for Dock No 2013-275-WS not to pass. We already pay too much for water. An increase this size will kill local business. It will hurt home sales. Can delay new construction of homes, schools, etc.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



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